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In this email you'll find information about:

- Public hearings in Alaska, August 12-15, 2014
- What to expect at the public hearings
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On July 21, 2014, Region 10 of the US Environmental Protection Agency released a proposal to protect the unique and valuable salmon fisheries of Bristol Bay, Alaska. You have the opportunity to make comments on the proposed determination until September 19, 2014.

[Comments can be submitted directly to the docket.](#) You can also send them by e-mail, in writing or at one of seven public hearings in Alaska.

Public Hearings in Alaska, August 12-15, 2014:

Seven public hearings will take place in Alaska.

- Anchorage: Tuesday, August 12 at 2 p.m.
Bristol Bay Campus – University of Alaska Fairbanks
Egan Center – Cook and Artegan Rooms
- New Stuyahok: Wednesday, August 13 at 5 p.m.
Cetuyaraq Community Center
- Nondalton: Wednesday, August 13 at 5 p.m.
Nondalton Community Center
- Kokhanok: Thursday, August 14 at 5 p.m.
Community Center
- Dillingham: Thursday, August 14 at 5:30 p.m.
Dillingham Middle School Gymnasium
- Iliamna: Friday, August 15 at 12 p.m.
Iliamna Community Center
- Igiugig: Friday, August 15 at 12 p.m.
Igiugig Tribal Hall – Airport Hangar

What to expect at the public hearings:

For all meetings, you will be asked to sign in when you arrive. There will be a two-minute time limit

for comments so that everyone has the opportunity to speak. As a courtesy, tribal elders and elected government officials are offered the opportunity to testify first. A court reporter will record all verbal comments. The transcript of the meeting will be placed in the public docket.

At the village hearings, people will be asked to comment in the order they sign up.

Because of the large turnout expected at the Anchorage hearing, there are additional instructions to make the process fair. As people sign in, they will receive a random number to determine the order in which they will be called to the microphone to present comments.

In the lobby outside the main hearing room, there will be an open house with information and EPA staff available to answer questions. There will also be a court reporter in the lobby who can take verbal comments from people who cannot or do not wish to wait for a turn in the main hall. In addition, there will be computer terminals where you can enter a comment directly to www.regulations.gov and comment forms for those who wish to make handwritten comments.

Every comment is important and we are offering a number of ways to comment. All forms of comments whether written or oral, will be considered equally.

Questions to consider when commenting:

- Do you think the Proposed Determination should be recommended and finalized? Why or why not?
- Do you have additional information on potential impacts on the North Fork Koktuli River, South Fork Koktuli River and Upper Talarik Creek watersheds, and downstream reaches of the Nushagak and Kvichak Rivers resulting from mining of the Pebble deposit?
Specifically information about:
 - Fish and other ecological resources
 - Water quality, flora, fauna and hydrology
 - Wildlife species
 - Recreation
 - Drinking water
- Can you suggest potential mitigation actions that could compensate for the damage caused by mining the Pebble deposit?
- Should the discharge of dredged or fill material be completely prohibited, restricted as proposed, restricted in another manner or not restricted at all at this time?

Submit prepared comments to EPA:

Online: You can submit your comments online by going to www.regulations.gov and enter EPA-R10-OW-2014-0505 in the search box. After getting to the docket page that looks like this, click on the blue box that says “comment now.” You can type in a comment up to 5000 characters or you can attach your comments. Be sure to include your name, address and organization in the text of your comments.

Email: You can also send your comments in an e-mail to OW-Docket@epa.gov. Be sure to include EPA-R10-OW-2014-0505 in the subject line.

Written comments: You can send your written comments to: Water Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460,

Attention: Docket ID No. EPA-R10-OW-2014-0505

Hand delivery: Bring your comments to the EPA Docket Center in Washington, DC during normal business hours. If you use this option, especially if you are delivering boxed information, please call the Water Docket first to make arrangements at (202) 566-2426

Remember, all comments will be considered equally.

You can send questions to the project team at: R10BristolBay@epa.gov

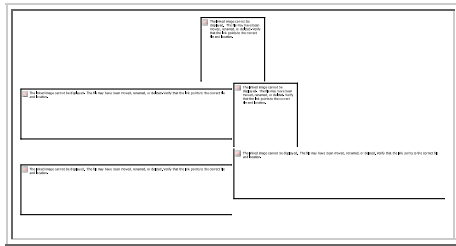
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